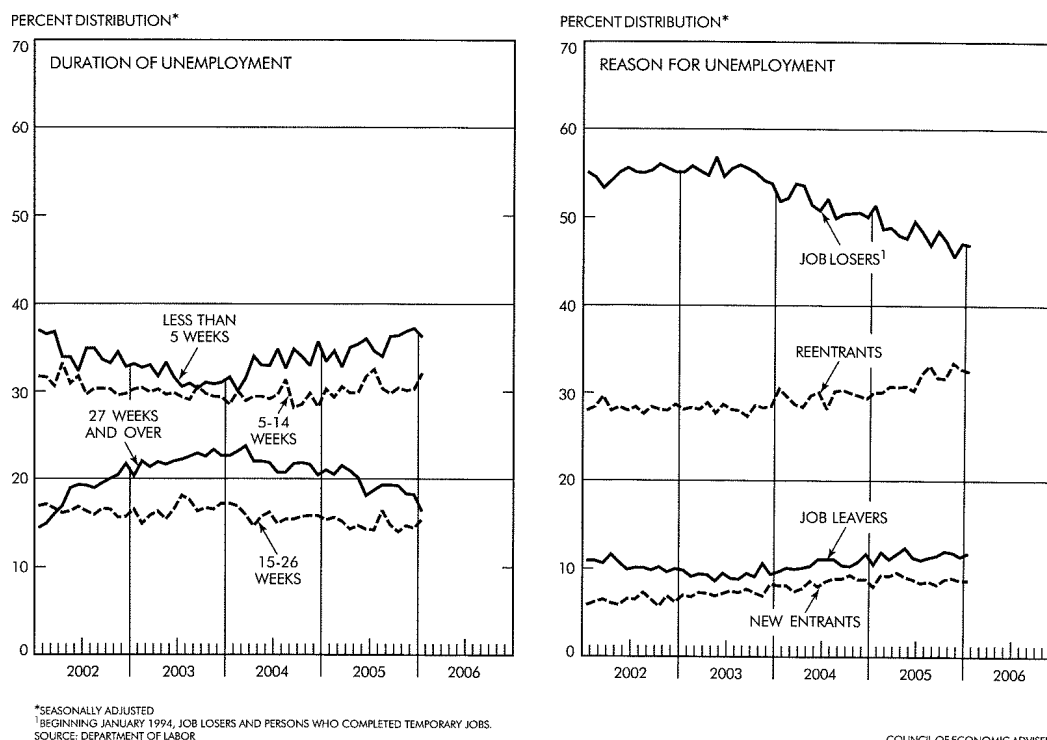


## SELECTED MEASURES OF UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE PROGRAMS

In January, the percentages of the unemployed who had been out of work for less than 5 weeks and for 27 weeks and over fell; the percentages for 5-14 weeks and for 15-26 weeks rose. The mean duration of unemployment fell to 16.8 weeks and the median duration fell to 8.4 weeks.



[Monthly data seasonally adjusted, except as noted]

Period	Un-employment (thousands)	Duration of unemployment						Reason for unemployment: percent distribution				State programs		Insured unem- ployment, all regular programs (unadjust- ed) <sup>2</sup>
		Percent distribution				Number of weeks		Job los- ers <sup>1</sup>	Job leav- ers	Reen- trants	New entrants	Insured unem- plov- ment	Initial claims	
		Less than 5 weeks	5-14 weeks	15-26 weeks	27 weeks and over									
						Average (mean)	Median							
Weekly average, thousands														
1996 .....	7,236	36.4	31.6	14.6	17.4	16.7	8.3	46.6	10.7	34.7	8.0	2,595	356	2,650
1997 .....	6,739	37.7	31.7	14.8	15.8	15.8	8.0	45.1	11.8	34.7	8.4	2,323	323	2,366
1998 .....	6,210	42.2	31.4	12.3	14.1	14.5	6.7	45.5	11.8	34.3	8.4	2,222	321	2,257
1999 .....	5,880	43.7	31.2	12.8	12.3	13.4	6.4	44.6	13.3	34.1	8.0	2,188	298	2,219
2000 .....	5,692	44.9	31.9	11.8	11.4	12.6	5.9	44.2	13.7	34.5	7.6	2,110	301	2,141
2001 .....	6,801	42.0	32.3	14.0	11.8	13.1	6.8	51.1	12.3	29.9	6.8	2,974	404	3,007
2002 .....	8,378	34.5	30.8	16.3	18.3	16.6	9.1	55.0	10.3	28.3	6.4	3,585	407	3,619
2003 .....	8,774	31.7	29.8	16.4	22.1	19.2	10.1	55.1	9.3	28.2	7.3	3,531	404	3,569
2004 .....	8,149	33.1	29.2	15.9	21.8	19.6	9.8	51.5	10.5	29.5	8.4	2,950	345	2,995
2005 .....	7,591	35.1	30.4	14.9	19.6	18.4	8.9	48.3	11.5	31.4	8.8	2,663	328	2,708
2005: Jan .....	7,723	33.4	30.2	15.3	21.0	19.2	9.3	51.4	10.5	30.1	8.0	2,723	329	3,654
Feb .....	7,986	34.6	29.3	15.6	20.5	19.1	9.2	48.7	11.9	30.1	9.3	2,674	309	3,258
Mar .....	7,616	32.8	30.5	15.2	21.5	19.3	9.2	48.9	11.1	30.8	9.2	2,652	337	2,954
Apr .....	7,644	35.0	29.8	14.3	20.9	19.6	8.9	48.0	11.7	30.7	9.6	2,593	323	2,659
May .....	7,629	35.4	29.8	14.7	20.1	18.6	9.1	47.7	12.4	30.8	9.1	2,590	334	2,589
June .....	7,493	36.0	31.7	14.3	18.1	17.2	9.1	49.6	11.3	30.3	8.8	2,600	323	2,408
July .....	7,494	34.6	32.5	14.2	18.7	17.7	8.9	48.4	11.0	32.2	8.4	2,582	317	2,621
Aug .....	7,367	34.0	30.3	16.4	19.3	18.9	9.4	46.9	11.3	33.2	8.6	2,581	318	2,487
Sept .....	7,648	36.3	29.7	14.8	19.3	18.2	8.5	48.5	11.5	31.8	8.2	2,774	398	2,223
Oct .....	7,418	36.4	30.4	14.0	19.2	18.0	8.6	47.4	12.0	31.7	8.8	2,825	350	2,632
Nov .....	7,572	36.9	30.1	14.7	18.3	17.6	8.5	45.6	11.9	33.5	9.0	2,703	323	2,472
Dec .....	7,375	37.2	30.2	14.4	18.2	17.3	8.5	47.1	11.4	32.8	8.7	2,672	318	2,607
2006: Jan .....	7,040	36.2	32.1	15.4	16.3	16.8	8.4	46.9	11.8	32.5	8.7	2,535	284	3,393

<sup>1</sup> Beginning January 1994, job losers and persons who completed temporary jobs.

<sup>2</sup> Includes State (50 States, District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and Virgin Islands), ex-servicemen (UCX), and Federal (UCFE). Also includes Federal and State extended benefit programs. Does not include Railroad (RR) program, Federal supplemental compensation or Emergency Unemployment Compensation programs.

NOTE.—Data relate to persons age 16 years and over (except for insured unemployment and initial claims).

Source: Department of Labor (Bureau of Labor Statistics and Employment and Training Administration).